

**Asian Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2007
Prepared by Carol Shifflett
MINUTES**

TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: 324 S State Street, Salt Lake City, UT., Conf Rm 501

PRESENT: Maung Maung, Pema Chagzoetsang, Nadeem Ahmed, Agnes Higley (Proxy), Hao Zhu, John Vang, Karie Minaga-Miya, Kheng Ty, Edith Mitko-Director, Carol Shifflett-Administrative Assistant

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Hannah Phan, Kyum Chon, Safi Safiullah

VISTORS: Janet Theiss, Manuel Romero, Mehdi Taheri, (Persian Community)

WELCOME:

- Maung opened the meeting with introductions at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Karie moved to approve the minutes. Agnes seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER:

- Janet Theiss - Associate Professor of History, Univ. of Utah, gave a review of the Asian Studies Center at the Univ. of Utah and requested community feedback on the Asian Center. She distributed a flyer advertising the Hindi language class, taught Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The fee is \$490.00 for the full semester. The class focuses on business, travel, and heritage learning. Ms. Theiss indicated that the Center will support the Sundance Asian Film Makers request.
 - **Community Interest:**
 - **Burmese:** Would like to preserve and maintain cultural heritage, such as dance and religion. Since the Burmese community is small most families are still struggling to get on their feet. Most of there pressing needs are jobs, education, etc.
 - **Tibetan:** Would like to invite Tibetan religious speakers.
 - **Japanese:** Would like to preserve the heritage of the Japanese experience.
- Manuel Romero - Community Relations Program Manager, Dept. of Human Services, (DHS) visited the council to address concerns that DHS has not met the needs of Utah's ethnic minority communities in relation to Social Services. Their goal is to hire more ethnic minorities, and solicit ethnic minorities to serve on boards and commissions. They are also seeking council and community members to network this information to community members. DHS is creating a standardized glossary of terms used in their office which will have a common translation for anyone seeking their services. Manuel has asked council members to assist him in meeting the demands of the community. DHS is also seeking people of color who have children that use multiple services to serve on the FACT Council. Maung addressed the concerns of community members not being able to meet during the work day due to conflict with their employment.
- Edith asked Manuel if he would please ask his office to disaggregate the Pacific Islanders from the Asian Americans, making note of the fact that the federal government mandated in 1998 that if they are receiving any federal money, the two populations need to be separated.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Action Items/Reminders:

- Edith circulated a sign up sheet for members interested in receiving the Public Policy emails. The email will keep members informed of the status of bills at the Utah State Legislature.
- Edith thanked all members who where able to attend the Joint Council Retreat.
- Edith reported that Mila Baldazo is recuperating at home.
- Attendees of the Joint Council meeting decided that the council will meet every other month. Subcommittees will meet on off months. Asian Advisory Council meetings will take place in March, May, July, Sept., & Nov, 2007.
- Edith asked everyone to sign up for at least one of the sub-committees, Education, Health, Criminal Justice/Law, Economic Development.
- Edith asked all council members to email her if they are interested in making a presentation for the Adopt-A-School program for March. Asian Culture will be the focus. Michael will have training for volunteers on March 1, 2007, here at the Office of Ethnic Affairs. Volunteers can travel to Southern Utah with Michael if they wish. The Martin Luther King Jr. Commission will pay for your hotel and food expenses.

- If any Asian would like to participate on the Diversity Dinner Committee they are welcome to attend. Meetings take place approximately once a week at 2:00 p.m. at various locations.
- Utah Organizations of Chinese Americans (UOCA) are having an awards banquet on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at the Five Star Cuisine, 3361 S. Redwood Road; \$15.00 members, \$20.00 non-members. Terrence Chen 232-7487 is the contact person.
- Jordan School District is holding Town Hall meetings by ethnicity for parents within the Jordan District.
- Edith updated council members on events surrounding the Swift Meat Packing. Luz assisted in the coordination of state agencies that were involved. We are not allowed to accept money; therefore OEA asked that money be donated directly to the CBOs designated in the media.
- Edith reminded council members of the Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Luncheon, to be held on January 12, 2007 at the Multi-Cultural Center.

ELECTIONS:

- Maung Maung was elected as Chair. Karie Minaga-Miya & Hao Zhu were selected as co-Vice Chairs

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Asian Indian – No report

Bangladesh – Absent

Burmese – Utah Pride Center is seeking a representative. The Burmese community responded to Mr. Terry Marasco, a member of the nomination committee.

Cambodian – No report

Chinese – UOCA Awards Banquet, January 20, 2007. The annual meeting for CAST Utah of Science and Technology will be on January 27, 2007. The owner of The Little World has acquired ownership of The Golden Dragon, on 1518 S. Main Street, SLC. The Grand China Market will open another market on January 27, 2007 at 155 W. 90th S., Sandy, UT, 801-255-1118. Chinese New Years Celebration will be on February 17, 2007, from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Filipino – Easter Egg Hunt, Joint with PAAU and PABAU -- May 19, 2007 Miss Mutya -- August 18, 2007 Let's do the twist; -- February 10, 2007 Valentine's Ball (Timberline) -- April 8, 2007 Easter Party (Layton Park) -- May 19, 2007 Induction Ball -- July 4, 2007 Food Booth – Layton's July 4th Celebration -- October 27, 2007 Halloween Party (Log Cabin, Hill AF Base) -- November 3, 10, 17, 24 2007 Christmas Caroling Practices – Dec. 1, 2007 Family Christmas Party, December 1-2, 7-9, 14, 16, 21, 22, 2007 Christmas Caroling -- December 15, 2007 Christmas Party.

Hmong – No report

Japanese – SL Buddhist Temple will hold their Dharma School Holiday Boutique this weekend, Saturday and Sunday at the SL Temple.

1. Center for Multicultural Health- Regional Action Committee:

- a. Utah Dept. of Health Committee- Under Division of Community & Family Health Services.
- b. RAC- is to create a regional agenda (Region VIII- Colorado, No. Dakota, So. Dakota, Montana, Utah & Wyoming). Next meeting Wednesday- January 10th, 2007- 3:00 – 5:00 pm @ 348 E. 4500 South Suite 300 (east side entrance). Agenda items: Priorities of the Committee- MHN membership...

2. Managing Stress & Diabetes

- a. Jean Winberger, BSW – Lakeview Hospital, January 17, 2007, 12-1 p.m.(MST). On line registration <http://health.utah.gov/diabetes/telehealth/telehealth.htm>
 - i. January 17, 2007 12-1 p.m. (MST)
- b. Diabetes in Utah Alliance- Richard Bullough exploring ideas for the future of this alliance. Next forum in Spring 2007

3. Edie's Info:

- a. Democracy Day 2007- January 19th, 2007 Utah State Capitol 8:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- b. Utah Commission on Volunteers – Out reach for disaster response readiness in Ethnic Communities
- c. Tip Toe Into Asia- Friday January 19, 2007- Utah State University – Logan, Utah (TSC Ballroom)
- d. Joint Ethnic Advisory Council Working- December 9, 2006.
- e. Utah Asian Chamber of Commerce (UACC)-2007 Asian Business Awards Gala- 03/03/07 – Hilton Hotel SLC Center.

4. Community Information:

- a. Japan Deaf Sports Federation (JDSF): Meeting January 31, 2007 Ceremony from 18:00 – 20:00, Best Western Garden Inn SLC (\$50.00) - Help support athletes to participate
- b. Day of Remembrance: Ogden Japantown: Sponsored by Wasatch Front North JACL, SLJACL, Mt. Olympus JACL, February 16, 17, 18, 2007, Yesterday & Today

- c. *Utah Cultural Celebration Center: Seeking community input and participation in the creation of a series of free public programs that highlight Japanese Culture in Jan-Feb 2007. Program goals: to expand the cultural experience of the Japanese Kokeshi Doll Exhibit which will be on display Jan 21- February 21. The exhibit has been put together by the Consulate General of Japan & Japan Foundation & has been exhibited around the world.*
- d. *Okazaki- Sundance Film Festival: Days of waiting*
- e. *"Letters from Iwo Jima: Clint Eastwood's latest film- following "Flags of our Fathers"*

Korean – Absent

Lao - Absent

Pakistani – Absent.

Tibetan – On behalf of the Asian Council, Pema attended the meeting at the Mayor's office. Josie Valdez indicated that the Mayor was interested in finding out issues/concerns of the minority community. Josie suggested that they identify three areas that the Mayor's office can address. Pema wanted the Mayor's office to address racial profiling, and the status of minority hiring in his office.

Vietnamese – Absent

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Adjourned: 6:40 p.m. Hao moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Motion carried.